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Officer Elections & ARCEC Annual Christmas Party

By Sue Robins AF6LJ

Officer elections were held at the December 11th general meeting a couple of new faces and some moving to different positions within the board. Here are the Board members and the positions they shall fill for the year 2015.

President	Dave Ward	KD6DW
Vice .President.	Peter Krause	KJ6VCM
Secretary	Sue Robins	AF6LJ
Treasurer	George Fish	KJ6WWM

Board Members	Chuck Wood	WD6APP
	Jack Moran	N6FUG
	Pat Bunsold	WA6MHZ
	Paul Thompson	KJ6BYF
	Joe Bennett	W6VMX
	Quinn Lacey	KI6LAT
Past President.	Pat Bunsold	WA6MHZ

Sue Robins AF6LJ was voted Ham of the Year, for her contributions to the club.

The ARCEC Annual Christmas Party & Potluck Dinner was a success. The abundance of food and fellowship made for a truly wonderful experience. Topping off the Christmas Party was the drawing, many small prizes and three radios were given away. A Six meter mobile and two dual band Ht's. The six meter mobile was donated by Terry Andrews K6TRY, an Alinco DJ500 was



donated by Sue Robins AF6LJ. Many members rallied to support the club and bought large numbers of tickets for the drawing. Unofficially, the drawing covered the cost of the party and prize drawing. The ARCEC Christmas Party was the topper for a great year for The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, as we continue to build a better club in the months ahead.





Pat WA6MHZ selling tickets and overseeing the drawing. Below we see eager club members in the chow line gathering up food from the many and varied dishes brought by club members.



Below and to the right more ARCEC Club members enjoying our Christmas Party and drawing. Happy Holidays to all.



ARCEC Repeater Frequencies

2 Meter Repeater	220 MHZ Repeater	440 MHZ Repeater
TX 146.475	TX 222.480	TX 440.900
RX 147.420	RX 224.080	RX 445.900
Offset .945	Offset 1.6	Offset 5.00
PL 107.2	PL 107.2	PL 107.2

Operating Day at Fry's Electronics

By Sue Robins AF6LJ



Operating Day at Fry's Electronics was held on December 13th. Several clubs turned out to demonstrate amateur radio to visitors to Fry's Electronics in San Diego. We made a good showing with our tower trailer and plenty of gear. Pat WA6MHZ brought his Ultimate Go Kit and his Compact KW amplifier with a homebrew power supply and tuner. Pat can be seen below adjusting the homebrew tuner. Due to RF feedback issues the amplifier was not used during the event. This highlights some of the difficulties encountered sometimes when stations are taken portable and operated under less than ideal circumstances. The top right photo shows final assembly of the club's 10, 15, 20 meter Yagi antenna.



Above a portable construction office has been converted to a portable comm trailer allowing the deployment of amateur radio gear in remote locations. It doesn't get much more remote than the station below. The radio shown in the small carry case is only part of the actual radio, the front panel. The rest of the radio is located across the county the Internet is used to link to the radio.





Operating day saw more passersby this time than in events past. The ARCEC booth saw more visitors than last year, the word about amateur radio seems to be getting around, more people seem to be interested in the oldest world wide social network going. Events like this are good for the hobby both in terms of what does for exposing the hobby to the public atlarge and good for its members who get out, set up their gear, work a few stations and interface with a curious public.

Next Month's Meeting

January's meeting will bring us some new board members. The presentation will be by Dave Ward KD6DW, the presentation will be on refurbishing a triband yagi, the ARCEC yagi to be exact. After many years of service it's time for some TLC. Join us for what should be a very informative presentation.

If you have something you would like to see in Counterpoise, anything of interest to our members. Your homebrew projects, articles pertaining to local activities or your thoughts on amateur radio current events, send that content to counterpoise@wa6bgs.us You are what makes the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, we wouldn't exist without you the membership. Join us at our meetings and activities and become a part of the club.

Club Membership & Dues

Club dues and new memberships can now be paid online. The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon website wa6bgs.us has been updated to accept membership dues, and new members. The link is at the top of the page, just follow the instructions on the Join / Renew page. Our website is a work in progress and there will be more good things to follow in the months ahead, so visit often.

Club Shirts & Jackets

We have 2013 club shirts and jackets available at meetings. Shirts are available sizes from small to XX large, this year's shirt has a pocket and as usual is green in color with the club logo in white. The cost is \$12.00 each. You can get a 2013 Field Day shirt or the standard club shirt, both styles of shirts have the club logo on the back and the left side.

Jackets are also available in sizes ranging from Medium to XX large. These are of the lined windbreaker style, with side pockets and they snap down the front. The cost is \$24.00 each.

We also have a number of shirts from 2012, these shirts are identical to the 2013 shirts without the pocket, and they are available in both the standard club shirt and the 2012 Field Day shirt. Sizes are limited to stock on hand.

The San Diego Morse Code Practice Group

Mark Wardwell KB6PJU has been running a code practice group on the WA6BGS VHF and UHF repeaters. The repeaters are linked to accommodate the needs and accessibility of all who wish to participate. The code practice Group meets at 7:00 PM Pacific time on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

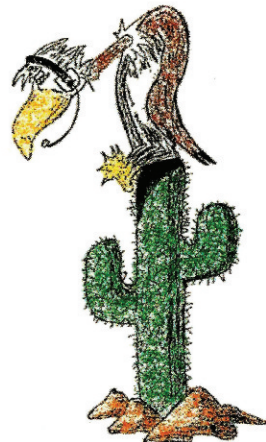
2015 Arizona Section Convention

Yuma Hamfest

Yuma, Arizona

Feb. 20 & 21, 2015

Yuma County Fairgrounds
2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, Arizona



www.yumahamfest.org

Check the Website for Additional Information

Gates Open for Camping Thursday, 2 pm Vendor Setup Friday, 7 am - Noon	Event Hours Friday, Noon - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm	Hamfest Dinner & Grand Prize Drawing Saturday Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
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**Vendors & Exhibitors
Consignment Sales
License Testing
Hourly Door Prizes
On-site RV Camping
Hamfest Dinner
ARRL Speaker
Transmitter Hunt
\$5.00 Admission**

**Tailgating (Swap Meet)
Full Seminar Schedule
DXCC Card Checking
Incredible Grand Prizes
Emergency Preparedness
Admission Prize
Hospitality Area
Near Space Balloon Launch
Antenna Clinic**

Hamfest Talk-In Frequency: 146.840 (-) PL 88.5 Hz

Email Contact: info@yumahamfest.org



We are proud to have the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) as a sponsor of our event.

The Yuma Hamfest is an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) sanctioned event.



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Please fill out this form and then see options at bottom for submitting to the club

Date of application: ___ / ___ / ___

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Cash Check Check # _____

Membership Type: Individual (\$20/year) Family* (\$35/year)

Membership Status: New Renewal Returning Member

Call Sign First Name _____ Last Name _____

If a previous member, what was your WAMO number?

ARRL Member: Yes No

License Class: Technician General Extra Other

Email Address (required) _____

Phone Number (optional) _____

**Use another sheet of paper to add Family members and please include the following information:*

First Name, Last Name, Call Sign (if any), License Class, Wamo Number (if any), & Email Address.

Submitting this form:

To submit this form, you can mail it to:

**Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon
P.O. Box 50
El Cajon, CA 92022**

-OR-

Bring it to the next club meeting on the second Thursday of each month. You can find the date and location by getting online at www.wa6bgs.us which is the club website. Check it out for the most current information regarding the club.

Cash Payments - Get a receipt from the Club Treasurer. Please make all checks payable to AMATEUR RADIO CLUB of EL CAJON, Incorporated. Receipts for payments by check will be sent by email or regular mail by the Club Treasurer.

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